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SUBJECT: FISHING LIMITS ISSUE: SOVIET REPRESENTATIONS

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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, SOVIET AMBASSADOR FARAFANOV AND MFA
EXCHANGED WRITTEN STATEMENTS RE ICELAND'S PLANNED EXTENSION OF
FISHERIES LIMITS TO 200 MILES. TEXTS OF THESE DOCUMENTS (AS
TRANSLATED BY SOURCES) WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMBASSADOR IRVING BY
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2. SOVIET DOCUMENT EXPRESSED "HOPE" THAT GOI WILL NOT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTIONS "UNTIL THE SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION... WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA." IT CLAIMED THAT SUCH ACTIONS "WOULD BE THE MORE SO UNJUSTIFIED AS THEY WOULD BE TAKEN IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE APPEALED TO THE STATES...NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL STEPS IN THE MATTERS EXAMINED BY THE CONFERENCE." IN ITS REPLY, THE GOI SAID THAT THE PLANNED EXTENSION WAS BASED ON CONSERVATION AND "THE MAJORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT WITHIN THE 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM BASE-LINES THE COASTAL STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE ALLOWABLE CATCH OF THE LIVING RESOURCES." IT IS THEN CLAIMED THAT "THE STATUS OF FISH STOCKS IN THE ICELAND AREA MAKES IT NECESSARY TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY." GOI STATEMENT THEN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE HAD REQUESTED STATES NOT TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION, HE HAD ADDED THAT THE REQUEST "EMANATED FROM THE STATES MENTIONED (LANDLOCKED AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES) AND NOT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE."

3. GOI STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH HOPE USSR "WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE FORTHCOMING EXTENSION OF THE FISHERY LIMITS AROUND ICELAND TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES CONSTITUTES THE NECESSARY PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH FORM THE FOUNDATION OF THE ECONOMIC SURVIVAL OF THE ICELANDIC NATION AND THAT THESE MEASURES ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE EMERGING CONSENSUS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE."

4. FULL TEXTS OF EXCHANGE WILL BE POUCHED.

5. COMMENT: ANDERSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR IRVING THAT HE TOLD FARAFANOV THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC THE EXCHANGE OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS BUT FARAFANOV ASKED HIM TO DELAY UNTIL HE RECEIVED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW. ANDERSEN'S MOTIVE IN THIS IS TO UNDERCUT SOME OF THE GENERALLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT USSR HAS BEEN RECEIVING LATELY IN THE PRESS, AND OFFSET UNFAVORABLE TREATMENT US HAS BEEN RECEIVING. THE FISHERIES LIMIT EXTENSION AS DEPT. IS AWARE HAS THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE PARLIAMENT, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND WAS A KEY PLATFORM POINT OF THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY IN THE LAST ELECTION. IF THE
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EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS WERE MADE PUBLIC IT WOULD INDEED EMBARRASS THE PEOPLES ALLIANCE AND THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS.
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